

I. AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as set forth in the following listing of claims, which will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-66. (Canceled)

67. (Currently Amended) A method of treating an ACE2 decreased state comprising administering to a mammal having an ACE2 decreased state a therapeutically effective amount of an ACE2 agonist, activator[[,]]~~or a transgene coding ACE2.~~

68. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 67, wherein the mammal is a human.

69. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 67, wherein the decreased ACE2 state is associated with hypertension, congestive heart failure, chronic heart failure, acute heart failure, myocardial infarction, arteriosclerosis, renal failure, and/or lung disease.

70.-72. (Canceled)

73. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 67, further comprising administering to the mammal an effective amount of an ACE2 activator, wherein the ACE2 activator is co-administered with an ACE inhibitor.

74.-97 (Canceled)